

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

27. (New) A method for creating individual pictures, cards and similar items comprising at least the following steps:
 - a) explaining the method to a user on a preview window on a system screen;
 - b) thereafter activating a communication and language selection and selecting the language for further transaction by a user for at least one of, the transaction language and the picture, card or item to be created;
 - c) then selecting a motif for the picture, card or item from standard motifs available from stored motifs, or from one or more motifs supplied by the user and embedding the motif in a layout;
 - d) then, optionally creating a portrait recording of the user and embedding the portrait recording in the layout;
 - e) integrating a desired text into the layout;
 - f) selecting to print, send or store a ready to output product on the screen after the product is either edited or corrected by repeating at least steps c) to e);
 - g) then activating the billing and payment function;
 - h) thereafter receiving the outputted finished product.
28. (New) The method for creating individual pictures, cards or similar item according to claim 27, wherein the portrait recording is carried out by means of a digital video camera by recording a sequence of images of the user and selecting from a so recorded video stream a suitable image either manually or automatically.

29. (New) The method according to claim 28, wherein a format is selected which is a DP stream in progressive recording mode.
30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the user has an opportunity to select a suitable image through manual selection.
31. (New) The method according to claim 28, wherein the user is offered an interaction element for selecting an individual image.
32. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein during automatic selection, an image of optimal quality is selected.
33. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the user is illuminated by an LED light during recording of the video stream.
34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein a user can select from at least four images of the video stream.
35. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein one or more images are displayed for viewing on a screen for preview.
36. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the finished product is printed out, sent as an e-mail, saved on storage media or saved to an online database offered by the system.
37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the layouts are selected from external stationary or mobile media or online databases.

38. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein transfer means are used for interfacing with internet, wireless connection or external peripheral devices.
39. (New) An interactive machine for the individual design of pictures, cards, postcards and similar items comprising at least:
 - a) a monitor;
 - b) a camera with an adjustment apparatus
 - c) a lighting unit;
 - d) means for operating the machine;
 - e) at least one interface for communication with external storage media and internet connection;
 - f) an integrated DP system comprising at least one internal storage unit;
 - g) an output apparatus for creating at least one of, the picture and the cards;
 - h) a payment unit;
 - i) a postage unit;
 - j) a power supply;
 - k) means for location-independent placement of the machine;
 - l) theft prevention means;
 - m) a remote maintenance unit.
40. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the camera includes a digital video camera for generating a video stream.
41. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the lighting unit includes a photometer and a plurality of LED diodes for generating constant light for illumination of the user.

42. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the monitor is a touch screen monitor.
43. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the machine is operated by at least one of, a keyboard and a joystick.
44. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the output unit is a thermo sublimation printer.
45. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the interface is suitable for various storage media.
46. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein an additional power supply in the form of a solar module is provided and for charging batteries.
47. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the machine is provided with wheels, coasters or a carrying appliance.
48. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the theft prevention means include at least one of physical attachment of the machine at the location and radio signals that are acoustically or visually perceptible or via radio.
50. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the remote maintenance unit functions by wireless communications or via cables.
51. (New) The machine of claim 48, wherein the theft prevention unit features a motion sensor for the detection of approaching persons.

52. (New) The machine of claim 39, wherein the machine has surfaces for carrying advertisement that are background illuminated or is an electronic advertising panel.